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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 408,700 IN DECEMBER

Total Rhode Island employment declined in December as pre-holiday gains in Wholesale and Retail Trade were more than offset by decreases in the Manufacturing, Service, and Construction sectors, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 408,700 in December. While this figure represents a decline of 900 from the November level of 409,600, it is still 8,200 above the December 1983 total of 400,500.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased seasonally by 1,000 in December. However, the current factory job figure of 120,900 represents a gain of 2,800 over the total of 118,100 reported a year ago this month. Employment in the Durable Goods sector decreased by 1,100 to 82,100, but was up 2,200 over December 1983. The Nondurable Goods total of 38,800 was 100 above November, and was up by 600 since December of last year.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly decreases were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-800), Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-200) and Fabricated Metals (-100). The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their November employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest increase in the number of jobs was posted in Electrical Machinery (+700), followed by Transportation Equipment (+600) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+500).

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DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

John S. Renza was appointed Director of the R.I. Department of Employment Security effective January 1, 1985 by Governor Edward D. DiPrete. Mr. Renza is a native of Providence, a World War II veteran and a Licensed Public Accountant. He holds a Master's degree in Education from Rhode Island College.

The new Director was an Associate Professor of Accounting and Mathematics at Bryant College from 1946 through 1967, has lectured at the University of Rhode Island and Community College of R.I. and conducted courses for the U.S. Navy and at Northeastern University. From 1967 to 1971 he served as Vice President for Financial Affairs and Executive Assistant to the President of Salve Regina College, Newport.

Prior to being named to his current post Mr. Renza held the position of Business Administrator for the Cranston Public Schools system for thirteen years. He maintains membership in several national and local professional organizations and civic groups. He resides in Cranston with his wife, Marie.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending December 31, 1984, must be filed by January 31, 1985, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted tin those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen . . . . . .Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1984-P	Nov. 1984-P	Dec. 1983
Total Placements	1,556	1,858	1,112
New Applications	3,378	3,664	2,636
New Openings Rec'd.	1,627	2,090	2,083

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	% Change Nov. 1984
Initial Claims	21,726	9,935	+ 118.7
No. of Payments	45,664	39,542	+ 15.5
Amt. of Payments	$5,283,669	$4,518,183	+ 16.9
Exhaustions	854	764	+ 11.8

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984
Initial Claims	1,246	1,085
No. of Payments	6,794	6,590
Amount of Payments	$ 707,268	$ 682,638

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	503.0	504.7	477.2
Unemployment	22.5	22.4	32.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.4	6.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.7	5.2	7.0

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	490.0	484.8	467.2
Unemployment	22.2	21.7	29.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.5	6.2

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	41,150	41,625	36,815
Unemployment	1,145	1,295	1,935
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.8	3.1	5.3

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	15,420	15,785	15,005
Unemployment	725	765	890
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	4.8	5.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	408.7	409.6	400.5	- 900	+8,200
MANUFACTURING	120.9	121.9	118.1	- 1,000	+2,800
NONMANUFACTURING	287.8	287.7	282.4	+ 100	+5,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.0	13.2	11.8	- 200	+1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.6	13.3	- 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	86.1	85.4	85.1	+ 700	+1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.9	21.8	21.3	+ 100	+ 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	95.6**	96.1	93.5	- 500	+2,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.7	57.6	57.4	+ 100	+ 300

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.9	121.9	118.1	-1000	+2800	292.09	283.79	40.4	40.6	7.23	6.99
DURABLE GOODS	82.1	83.2	79.9	-1100	+2200	302.58	288.46	41.0	40.4	7.38	7.14
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	276.68	280.85	35.7	39.5	7.75	7.11
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	371.21	364.59	41.2	40.6	9.01	8.98
PRIMARY METALS	5.8	5.8	6.0	0	- 200	310.06	349.42	37.0	41.4	8.38	8.44
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.3	9.1	- 100	+ 100	268.79	262.13	41.1	39.3	6.54	6.67
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	438.03	380.64	47.1	42.2	9.30	9.02
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.9	11.2	0	+ 700	249.70	279.76	39.2	40.9	6.37	6.84
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.7	9.1	0	+ 600	433.70	432.13	43.5	43.3	9.97	9.98
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 100	293.44	309.31	41.8	43.2	7.02	7.16
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.5	24.3	23.5	- 800	0	222.48	199.26	39.1	36.9	5.69	5.40
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.7	5.0	- 200	+ 500	302.50	245.95	43.4	36.6	6.97	6.72
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.8	38.7	38.2	+ 100	+ 600	276.05	279.75	39.1	41.2	7.06	6.79
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.7	3.6	3.4	+ 100	+ 300	225.69	231.55	35.1	38.4	6.43	6.03
TEXTILES	10.9	10.9	11.1	0	- 200	263.74	261.66	40.7	41.6	6.48	6.29
APPAREL	3.3	3.2	3.4	+ 100	- 100	239.00	229.39	40.1	40.6	5.96	5.65
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	247.60	262.29	40.0	41.9	6.19	6.26
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	386.45	350.12	36.7	35.8	10.53	9.78
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	387.58	352.04	41.9	38.1	9.25	9.24
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 200	273.93	330.62	38.8	46.5	7.06	7.11
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.1	5.0	- 100	0	252.70	278.29	35.0	40.1	7.22	6.94
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 200	216.07	283.93	43.3	56.9	4.99	4.99

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Also up from their year ago levels were Nonelectrical Machinery (+300) and Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, and Instruments (+100 each). Primary Metals declined by 200, while Stone-Clay-Glass and Jewelry/Silverware employment remained unchanged from December 1983.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly job increases of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage and Apparel. Plastics Products declined by 100 from November to December, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. On an annual comparison, the largest employment increase was reported in Food-Beverage (+300). Printing/Publishing, Rubber Products, and Leather Products each gained 200 jobs from one year ago. Annual declines occurred in Textiles (-200) and Apparel (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last December's levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries increased 100 from November to December, primarily due to continued seasonal hiring in Wholesale and Retail Trade, which offset declines in several other categories. The December Nonmanufacturing total of 287,800 is also 5,400 jobs above the December 1983 level of 282,400.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade (+700) as more holiday season workers were added. At 86,100, Trade was up 1,000 from the previous December. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,900 and Government, at 57,700, each recorded a monthly gain of 100 workers. The former was up 600 and the latter was up 300 compared to last December. Service employment, at 95,600, declined 500 from its November level, largely due to a labor dispute. However, this figure is 2,100 higher than the total recorded one year ago in December. Seasonal decreases reduced Contract Construction payrolls by 200 from November's level, but the current total of 13,000 is 1,200 jobs greater than a year earlier. Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 13,500, posted a monthly decrease of 100; however, this figure reflects an annual increase of 200 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $7.23 in December; this represents a gain of 24 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.5 of an hour in December to 40.4 hours, which was 0.2 of an hour less than the December 1983 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in December amounted to $292.09, representing an increase of $4.81 from last month, and $8.30 from December of last year.

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